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### THE BROOKLYN BURGLARIES.

Regardless of its merits as a sensational crime, the Latimer affair is likely to work a reform in Brooklyn police methods by attracting public attention to their inefficiency. The meeting of citizens in a private house on Quincy street to devise measures for ending the series of robberies in that residential district and Commissioner Partridge's sharp letter of rebuke to Inspector McLaughlin for the laxity of police discipline which has made the robberies possible are somewhat extraordinary developments of the situation. Conditions which make the gathering of an informal vigilance committee necessary in a large and well-governed city are unusual, to say the least.

Summer offers more temptations to the second-rate housebreaker than to the more expert burglar. The rows of boarded-up dwellings invite entrance with comparative security, but ordinarily the rewards of the raid are not sufficiently great to satisfy the first-class cracksmen. Midsummer burglaries are not numerous in Manhattan; the Commissioner's theory that in Brooklyn they are due to the fact that crooks "take advantage of lax work on the part of patrolmen" is doubtless correct. And incidentally the rebuke is evidence that the reins of authority are grasped more tightly in Mulberry street than they were.

### LOVE AND PARK BENCHES.

A park policeman named Werdann crept up on his hands and knees behind a young man and young woman sitting on a bench in Central Park and by his sudden appearance frightened the young woman into hysterics. Magistrate Hogan, in Yorkville Court yesterday, fined the officious officer \$10 and characterized his act as a most dishonorable one. A just judge. Zeal of this sort is out of place in a "sparrow cop." Werdann should be shifted to a downtown beat—say that on Forty-fourth street, where Canfield's is—and some of his curiosity taken out of him.

Young men and maidens in close communion on park benches in the moonlight have rights and privileges which prying policemen are bound to respect. Was Werdann never young? In the brave days when boys are twenty-one "and every goose a swan, lad, and every lass a queen," a park bench may be a Venus-Martin sofa and the girl a goddess. Love's young dream there is not to be interrupted rudely; if personal recollections do not restrain the interfering officer a merciful magistrate like Hogan will, and the public will honor him for it.

### THE NEW CROP OF LAWYERS.

One hundred and twenty-four young men were sworn in as members of the New York Bar yesterday. There was doubtless no irony in Justice O'Brien's congratulatory address when, quoting Lord Chief Justice Russell, he laid stress on the possession of ready money as one of the chief essentials of success in this profession. It is poor picking for a young lawyer at first; after his earnings begin they expand steadily in volume.

The opportunities of law practice were never greater than now. Divorce case fees have increased and separation suits multiplied to such an extent that it is seriously proposed to establish a court solely for their hearing. Commercial litigation was never so remunerative to counsel and the formation of trusts and communities of interest offers rewards undreamed of by lawyers of the last generation. The oyster is there if the young limb of the law has the sword wherewith to open it.

**THE WAR LORD AND THE TRUST LORD.**

J. Pierpont Morgan and Kaiser Wilhelm think very well of each other. It all comes of the Imperial quick lunch which the great trust lord and the magnificent war lord enjoyed together the other day. Now Mr. Morgan says of the Kaiser: "He's a great man, for a fact!" and the Kaiser, according to Mr. Clement Griscom, one of Mr. Morgan's friends at the Imperial luncheon, has "expressed admiration for Mr. Morgan."

Mr. Griscom also adds that the Kaiser not only admires Mr. Morgan but "thinks that the United States is a good country to model after." If he means by this that Mr. Morgan's octopus hatchery would be encouraged in Germany, or that the Kaiser would let him and his Wall Street associates own and run a convenient little law-making Reichstadt of their own in Germany, Mr. Griscom is consuming the wrong brand of frankfurter or else he has taken an overdose of wienerschnitzel.

The Kaiser has no doubt highly impressed by Mr. Morgan, but he's never going to be as good to him as Uncle Sammy has been.

**WELCOME, MISS MARY MACLANE!**

Mary MacLane is coming East. Mary is the Montana maiden who only a few months ago modestly but magnificently took the literary world by the throat and compelled it to sit still and listen while she told how great a genius she was. Mary is even a greater genius now than she was then, for she gets her name in the papers every day, and her comings and goings, her doings and sayings are chronicled as regularly as the bulletins of King Edward's physicians.

The young lady has her highly evolved ego and also her "Kindly Devil" with her. These and her well-worn toothbrushes and the Gilbertian gloomeries and inverted ethics which comprise the MacLane intellectual outfit are expected to come here to see and to conquer. Mary's publishers discovered that the alkali brush of Montana did not offer Mary the full scope which her Bashkirite-seffings required, so they packed her off in this direction, where every variety of genius gets more or less of a show and advertising space in the newspapers is worth about twenty times what it is in Montana.

## The Funny Side of Life.

### JOKES OF OUR OWN

#### SWIMMING SEASON.

Now doth little Algernon Rutherford  
In the swimming hole paddle and about.  
And invent cogent reasons for mamma  
Why his clothes are put on wrong-  
side-out.

#### ANOTHER FISH STORY.

First Mosquito—Did you get a bite?  
Second Mosquito—Yes. I just landed a  
200-pounder.

#### WAKES THE DEAD.

Jack—She sings like an angel.  
Bella—I suppose you refer to Gabriel.

#### DRAWING THE LINE.

"No, I didn't go to the Astorville's  
house party. One must draw the line  
somewhere."

"And you draw it by not going where  
you're not invited, eh?"

#### NEW VICTIMS.

"This is the season for sunstroke."  
"Yes, people are dying of it now that  
never died before."

#### IN BOSTON.

"Do you Boston bicyclists wear  
sweaters?"  
"Oh, yes. But there we call them per-  
sipers."

### BORROWED JOKES.

#### HIS LOVE STOOD THE STRAIN.

Mother—And when he proposed, did  
you tell him to see me?  
Daughter—I did. And he said he had  
seen you several times, but that he  
loved me notwithstanding.—Stray Stories.

#### IN AND OUT.

Hewitt—Every time Gruet comes to  
see me I'm out.  
Jewett—But he said he found you at  
home the other evening.  
Hewitt—Well, I was out just the same.  
I played poker with him.—Philadelphia  
Times.

#### CRUSH MADE KIN.

Mrs. Seligman Home—Mrs. Chinkapin is  
talking all around that you and she had  
a heart-to-heart talk in one of the big  
drygoods stores the other day.

Mrs. Jenner Lee Oudego—All the foun-  
dation there is for that is that she and  
I were caught in the crush at the same  
bargain counter one morning and grum-  
bled in concert.—Chicago Tribune.

### SOME BODIES.

BARTLETT, REV. MR.—of Chicago,  
purposes to place forty trained singers  
on the steps of his church just before  
services in the hope that their songs  
may lure people into the sacred edifice.

BELL, PROF. A. G.—says wireless  
telegraphy will never become prac-  
ticable for land use. A few years ago  
there were those who said it could  
never be used at sea.

BARTON, CLARA—has been invited by  
President Diaz to go to Mexico and  
establish a branch of the Red Cross  
Society there.

CANNON, G. C.—a Harvard sophomore,  
has invented an automobile. Sopho-  
mores are destructive by nature.

JACKSON, MRS. C. C.—of this city, has  
given a chapel and chancel to St.  
Saviour's Episcopal Church in memory  
of her husband, who died at sea last  
December.

SIZER, MRS. GEORGINA—who died  
recently, did much for the Chinese  
and Brooklyn Chinamen have placed  
a memorial window to her in a Baptist  
church there.

### THE OLD HOME.

To one forewent with stress of trade  
And schemes of gain in city marts,  
There comes a breath of country hay  
Wafted from passing carts.

Fades the long line of brick and  
stone,  
The street's rude tumult dies away,  
From money-getting for a space  
His soul cries holiday.

And with him down the orchard path,  
Past spring-hodae and the pasture  
wall,  
Her spirit walks who taught her  
child  
Of the love that is o'er all.

The vision vanishes, and straight  
The street's rude tumult in his ears;  
But in his heart a heavenly strain,  
And in his eyes sweet tears.  
—Charles Francis Saunders in Har-  
per's Magazine.

### AN Odd Number Each Day.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
A man has twenty-nine sheep. He  
must kill them all in six days, but each  
day he must kill an odd number. How  
can it be done, readers? A. G. K.

### A Row Over a Pool Game.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
A and B play pool. After about eight  
games without any betting A announces  
that "this is the last game." At about  
the middle of the game A attempts to  
shoot a ball in a corner pocket and  
missing it, pushes it in with his hand  
and then proceeds to shoot for another  
ball. B protests with the following re-  
mark: "I never thought you would  
do a dishonest act." A becomes highly  
indignant and thereafter demands an  
apology from B, claiming that he was  
insulted and his honor impeached. B  
contends that there was sufficient pro-  
vocation for the remark made by him,

### THE FREAKISH PANAMA HAT.



Wide-spreading as a tree (sprung from a Panama route)  
Is the hundred-dollar mat of grass that caps the summer suit.  
It will serve as an umbrella or a shade from the soot and sun;  
And its handy, too, as a mackintosh when the cloudburst has begun.

### BOARDING-HOUSE LUCK.



She—So you got two helps of chick-  
en? You're in luck.  
He—Yes, and pretty tough luck,  
at that.

### HER LAST CHANCE.



She—A fortune-teller prophesied  
that I'll marry in 1904. Wasn't that  
funny?  
He—Not at all. That's the first  
leap year since '96.

### WEAK BACKBONE.



Princess Hula—There's one thing I  
don't like about this place.  
Manager—What's that?  
P. H.—The living skeleton is too  
easily rattled.

### NEVER AGAIN.



Madam—James, I hope I never  
shall see this again!  
Butler—You won't, mum. I'll (hic)  
stop up the keyhole next time.

### WORSE YET.



Binks—Have you seen Sourly yet?  
Why, he looks as if he hadn't a  
friend in the world. I wonder what  
the matter? Did his boss roast him?  
Banks—No, he fired him.

### TOO MUCH FOR HER.



Caller—Is Miss Stuckonme in?  
Servant—Phat's yer name?  
Caller—Tell her that Count Siam  
beramosetzbumsky would like to see  
her.  
Servant—Ah, sure ye'd better take  
it in wid ye and tell her yerself!

## TIMELY LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

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## ODDITY CORNER.

### DANCING MICE.

The so-called  
"waltzing mice" of  
China and Japan  
have been sup-  
posed to owe their  
dancing peculiarity  
to disease of  
the inner ear. After  
thorough exam-  
ination of the  
ears of these re-  
markable animals,  
Dr. K. Kishi has  
reached the con-  
clusion that the  
organs are perfectly  
healthy and that  
the dancing is an  
effect of centuries  
of confinement of  
the race in small  
cages.

### WOOD YARN.

Wood yarn, as  
now manufactured  
in Germany, is  
stated to cost  
about half as  
much as cotton  
yarn. It is sup-  
plied in the nat-  
ural gray state,  
and does not  
bleach well, but  
can be dyed almost  
any color. It is  
claimed to be well  
adapted for a va-  
riety of uses, such  
as linings for gar-  
ments, bed ticks,  
blinds, crumb  
cloths, &c.

### FOUR ITEMS.

Natives of Maine  
are nicknamed  
"Foxes."  
Spain has an  
average of 3,500  
hours of sunshine  
a year.  
The majority of  
the natives of  
India eat only one  
meal a day.  
A chimney 115  
feet high will,  
without a spark,  
sway ten inches in  
a wind.

### INSECTS.

B. D. Walsh, one  
of the best entom-  
ologists of his  
day, in 1887 esti-  
mated the total  
yearly loss in the  
United States from  
insects to be from  
\$300,000,000 to \$400,  
000,000.

### LAW A DRUG.

Pennsylvania has  
6,328 lawyers or  
Judges. They are  
distributed in  
about 284 places,  
nearly all being  
in Philadelphia  
and Pittsburgh.

### ORIGIN OF ARMY LEGGINGS.

"I don't believe that one soldier out of a thousand knows  
what caused this Government to adopt leggings in the army."  
said a member of the G. A. R., according to the Chicago  
Inter Ocean. "During the civil war leggings were not known  
in this country. The soldiers wore stockings, and when  
marching through mud they would pull their stockings over  
their pants."

"In this way stockings took the place of leggings during  
the entire war. Each soldier usually had two pairs of stock-  
ings, and he utilized one of these as coverings for his trousers  
when he struck deep mud. Then, after the march had been  
ended, he would pull off the stockings, put on a clean pair  
and wash the old ones. The stockings always protected his  
trousers from the mud."

"It was some time after the war that leggings were adopted  
in the army, and it is my opinion that they came as a direct  
result of the stockings scheme which the boys of '61 in-  
vented."

"Many similar conveniences which we now have grew out  
of that fight. For instance, there is roasted coffee. Before  
the war roasted coffee could not be had on the market. Dur-  
ing the rebellion the Government roasted its coffee and sent  
it to the men. After the rebellion had ended enterprising  
merchants put roasted coffee on the market and made a mint  
of money out of it."

"Before the days of the war desiccated food was unknown  
in this country. The Government sent barrels of dried  
vegetables to the soldiers, and at first they were laughed at.  
I remember that the men in my company took the dried food  
and threw it away, ridiculing the idea that it was fit to eat.  
There were some German soldiers in the company, however,  
who quickly gathered up the vegetables, and that evening a  
most tempting odor of viands proceeded from their tent. The  
boys investigated and found that the Germans had stewed  
the dried vegetables and made an appetizing dish out of them.  
Thus war, as well as peace, teaches us a few things about  
what to wear and what to eat."

### MOTOR BALKS SLEUTHS.

It would have been impossible for Mme. Humbert to get  
away from Paris save in the complete disguise of a regula-  
rly known automobile. The Government illustrated. Her face was  
too well known. I am convinced the escape was made on a  
motor car. With mask and goggles she was safe. An auto-  
mobility's rig-out is so natural and innocent a circumstance  
that it would throw detectives and police entirely off the  
scent.

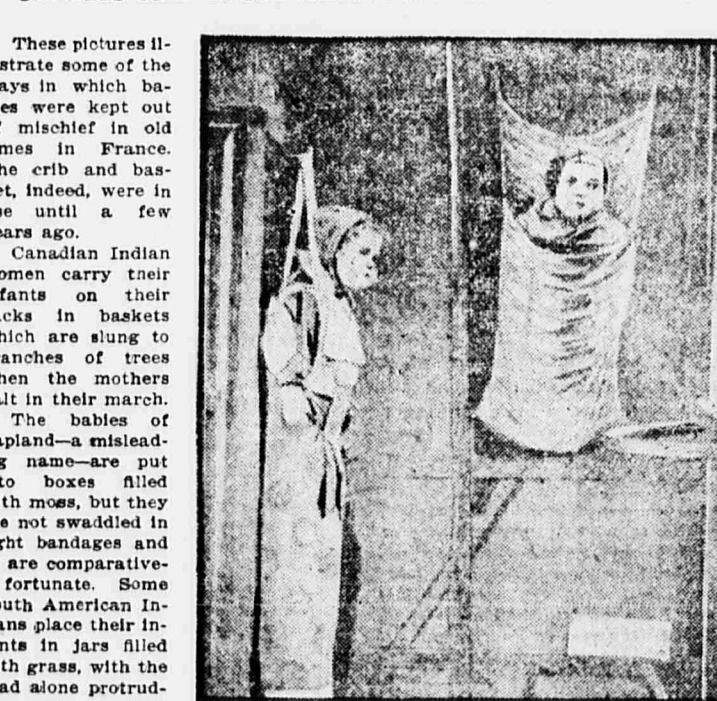
### \$5 FOR HALF A LIMERICK.

There was a young man of Herat,  
Who purchased a Panama hat—  
After the first two lines the poet's ideas gave out.  
The Evening World will give a prize of \$5 for the  
cleverest and most amusing three lines written by  
any of its readers to complete this limerick.  
Send verse to "Limerick Editor, Evening World, P.  
O. Box 1864, New York City."

### ODD CRADLES FOR THE BABIES.



CRADLES USED IN SOUTHERN FRANCE TWO YEARS AGO.



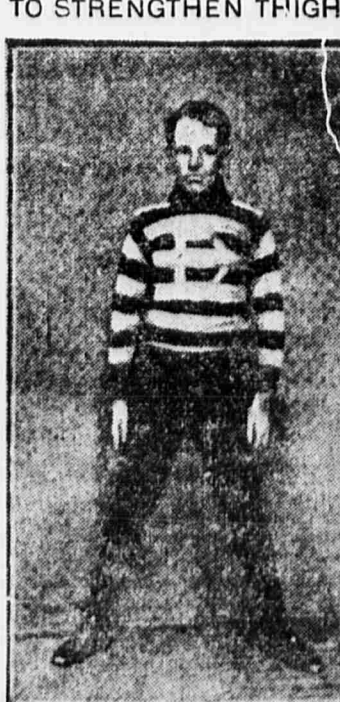
WALL FLOWERS.

In some parts of France there was a post in the house from which swaddled  
babies in baskets were suspended while their parents were away at work. In other  
districts the little innocents were left hanging on the wall, as here shown.  
Finland babies are put into boxes which are fastened to the ceiling and in many  
Russian villages the baby's basket is entirely covered with thick blankets, or  
even furs, to keep out the cold—and the air!

In one part of India the cradle is a basket with a tightly fastened cover and  
is swung, like a hammock, from four posts.

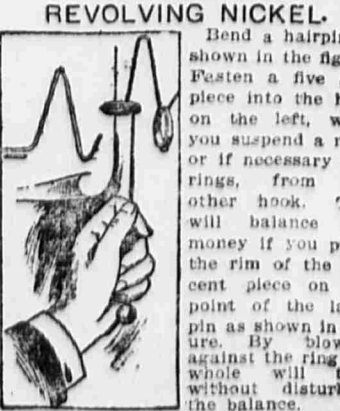
The Flathead Indians fasten their papoosees in hard wooden cradles, the head  
part of which is so shaped as to cause the malformation from which the tribe  
derives its name.

### TO STRENGTHEN THIGHS.



Stand with the legs apart and pull  
your feet together, evenly without mov-  
ing from the floor. This is difficult at  
first, but will strengthen the muscles of  
the thighs.

### REVOLVING NICKEL.



### THE CORK SUPPLY.

The fact that the world's supply of  
corks is much less than the demand has  
given rise to a new industry of collect-  
ing, cleaning and reworking corks.